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The next person signed up is P. McKinney.

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MR. McKINNEY: I have a thing I want to read

1 4 here. I realize that everybody's concerned here in the valley
5 of having radioactive waste into the water system. I, too,
6 don't want that.

7 I don't really foresee that problem personally.

8 I worked out on Test Site for -- since '64 off and on,

9 basically mostly on.

10 I've been through a lot of nuclear tests, I've
11 done a lot of re-enters, I've seen a lot of stuff out there,
12 and back in the early days, there was some -- some bad
13 radiation out there, but they have improved it, believe it or
14 not.

15 They monitored that stuff, they know where
16 they're at. They do take care of everything that goes on out
17 there now, and I'm sure if this -- if this laboratory is set up
18 properly, they will, in fact, be operated in a way that can be
19 checked by the Nye County. I have no problem with that, State
20 of Nevada, everybody should be monitoring, making sure that
21 things are done right and built right and properly taken care
22 of.

2... 23 I don't see this thing as a nuclear dump. I see
24 it as a repository. If you look at -- the last hundred years
25 of technology, what's the next hundred years going to bring? I

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1 mean, you've got -- nobody knows.

2 They have to maintain the repository 10,000
3 years, but I doubt very much that you'll see 200 years because
4 you'll have that stuff out of there doing all kinds of things
5 for you that will be to all of our benefits, and I don't think
6 it will be even that length of time.

7 I'll read this little statement I have just for
8 the record.

9 I realize it is not -- can you hear me?

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10 I realize it is not in this time a very popular
11 way to think, but I consider it a privilege to live in this
12 country and in this valley.

13 I also think it is only a simple thing to
14 consider this as the only place in the nation where this
15 project could be.

16 It has been studied for years, and the idea has
17 not been changed. The studies have only proved that there
18 isn't a better place for it.

19 In the country, we have places where they are
20 strong wastes and ponds -- strong waste and ponds. How long is
21 it going to last? Our country needs this now and we have the
22 answer right here.

23 The land has already been occupied by the testing
24 of many different things, and now it's just one more thing with
25 the technology that we have in this field and in this space

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1 program that have developed in this country.

2 Don't you think in the future it will be
3 discovered that something very significant will develop that
4 this product will be used for and it will be of great help to
5 the people of this country?

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6 The land belongs to the government. Now they --
7 they asked us that when the nuclear weapons went on. For a
8 long time, and will never come back to the state.

9 If they close that down tomorrow, as far as any
10 part of nuclear, they'll never open it up back to public land.
11 They couldn't afford to, because there are hot spots out there.
12 There's things that people could get into.

13 So that land is paid and bought -- bought and
14 paid for -- not necessarily paid for, but it's been bought.

15 But why not let the government use the land
16 instead of looking for other places where we will have to take
17 more land away from the public?

18 It don't matter where else you go with this
19 thing, some other state. We're going to pay through the nose
20 again, and we paid plenty more here. We have. So does the
21 whole nation.

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22 A railroad from Caliente to Tonopah and down to
23 Lathrop Wells Road and down to Lathrop Wells would keep it --
24 keep it in a better zone of the test site and would keep it
25 away from the -- I can't read here. Keep it away from the

5 cont. 1 public traffic zones.

2 In other words, we're not proposing -- in my
3 proposal would be to have the railroad come along the top --
4 top side of the Test Site and down the west side of the Test
5 Site, staying off the public land, staying inside the Test
6 Site, staying off the bombing ramps. Happy between the two.

7 If the DOE could bring back the public to
8 information that has -- this is a good thing as much as the
9 protesters say it's a bad thing, the feeling would be
10 different, and that -- in that statement, I feel like they
11 don't really -- they don't really bring out what this
12 repository's going to do for everyone in the nation.

2 cont. 13 I mean, I realize you may look like it like this
14 is dumping it all on us, but I don't think we should look at it
15 as a dump.

16 It's strictly a repository, and I think the State
17 of Nevada and Nye County should have a big hand in this as far
18 as down the road when the recovery comes -- and I'm sure it
19 will -- that we ought to have a real good piece of that action
20 because you're going to go back to these fuels eventually
21 because the fossil fuels are going to run out, and you don't
22 want to think about that.

23 MR. BROWN: Five minutes.

24 MR. MCKINNEY: That's basically -- that's good
25 enough.

6 1 [But I'm in favor of going ahead with this, but
2 like everybody else, I would like to make all sure that
3 everything's ironed out and in a safe manner.]
4 MS. DIXON: Thank you very much.
5 MR. BROWN: Thank you.
6 Earl McGhee.